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## 'Mini-hurricane' batters county

### Piers heavily damaged

PORT OF HANCOCK: Private fishing boats and commercial boats sustained heavy damage. Some boats were damaged, and some were flooded during the storm. The storm was estimated to have moved up to 60 miles an hour at times, and it trapped about 100 to 150 boats.

"Considering the damage to the harbor piers, I feel like punching my chest..."  
Waveland Alderman Tommy Jones on the damage to the Waveland pier

Large barges at Port Bienville and it is blocking the shipping channel. A barge filled with rip rap is wedged next to it, and another barge was driven onto marshy ground nearby. Downed trees and railroad tracks are in the industrial site, but they have been cleared.

Director of the Port of Hancock

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### Harbor damage \$160,000

PORT OF HANCOCK: Estimates at the Port of Hancock Municipal Harbor that Sunday's storm caused nearly \$160,000 in damage to the consulting firm.

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Casino barge

The high winds Sunday night caused this 400-foot, three-story casino barge to break away from its moorage at Port Bienville, and it's blocking the shipping channel. Tugboats begin moving the vessel Wednesday. (Echo staff photo by Richard Meek)



Pass fishing pier

The fishing pier at Port Christian Municipal Harbor was knocked out by Sunday's storm, and estimates of the damage to it will be in the \$50,000 range. The high waters also caused damage to piers and electrical outlets throughout the harbor. (Echo staff photo by Richard Meek)

### School board closes dispute

BY RICHARD MEEK

With a unanimous vote on Monday night, the Hancock County School Board brought to a close a sometimes bitter land dispute between the school district and the county Port & Harbor Commission.

Board members voted during a recess meeting Monday to ratify a compromise stating the school district will stop all litigation against the P&H, and relinquish all claims to a tract of land both agencies have been pursuing through eminent domain proceedings. Port officials have maintained that the 20-acre site, owned by the heirs of Victor Riccabono, is needed for future expansion of nearby Stennis International Airport.

School officials wanted to construct a new middle school at the site.

Under terms of the agreement, the school district will build the new school on another 20-acre site adjacent to Hancock High School. The school district, the county Board of Supervisors, and the Port will share in the costs of construction of a new road to the school site.

"I'm relieved to have this finally resolved," said School Board President Cheryl Bennett. The compromise will allow the P&H to pursue uninterrupted the Riccabono property through eminent domain proceedings, although it was recently determined the property is 80 percent wetlands. Lead counsel on the Riccabono suit remains unclear, however.

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### Voices of Hope festival

The Voices of Hope festival will be held at the Port of Hancock. The festival will be held at the Port of Hancock.

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## Winds buffet Bay St. Louis shoreline

BY MARY G. SEILEY

Bay St. Louis' shoreline and piers took such a hit in the recent high winds and heavy rains that city officials are appealing for help from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

"As of last night we no longer have a recreational pier in Bay St. Louis," said City Council

President James Rutherford. "All three of our piers were destroyed." And Rutherford told fellow council members the condition of the Corps' shoreline berm at Bay View Court is "bad, bad."

Rutherford made the comments at a council workshop meeting Monday night, as Mayor Eddie Favre said he had sent a plea for help to the Corps.

About 40 percent of the city's

1,260-foot Ulman Street Pier vanished during the storms, just as contractors had begun work on a project to replace the first 700 feet of wooden pier with a new concrete pier. City officials had planned to tie the new and old piers together, until funds are found to replace the other 500 feet.

Rutherford said since the storm took out major portions of the pier, maybe the city would save money on demolition costs. He

also said the city may want to expedite what was to be the second and final phase of construction, even if money for that project is not in hand.

But in a later interview, Favre said the pier project's status is uncertain, beyond the current reconstruction contract. The city won't know until June whether a request for \$425,000 in state Tideland funds will be awarded for the second phase of construction. If that funding isn't awarded, Favre said city workers may be called on to finish the job.

The new pier is designed to stand only six feet off the water, much lower than the existing pier. Officials say the lower level will allow water to wash over the concrete span in storms, making it less vulnerable to damages.

Chances of getting help from the Corps on the pier project are slim, the mayor said. "There's a slight possibility we can get some help with the Corps, but more than likely not. It's not a good possibility, but it's something we're taking a shot at. The worst that can happen is they say 'no,'" Favre said.

Meanwhile, chances of Corps assistance to repair other shoreline devastation are much better, the mayor said. City officials already had notified the Corps that a

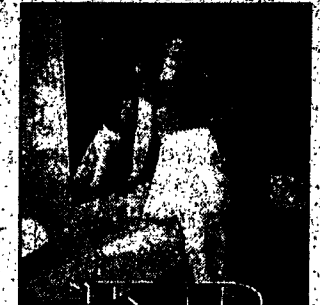
shoreline protection berm the Corps financed at Bay View Court was deteriorating rapidly. The recent storms compounded that damage, and some property is slipping away as the berm breaks up from high tides and winds.

Meanwhile, the city's sand beach took a heavy loss during the storms. That "substantial" loss should be of concern to the Corps, because the main purpose of the beach front is to protect Beach Boulevard from erosion and ultimate collapse, the mayor said.

If the Corps agrees with that logic, Favre said, federal officials may help finance corrective action.

Meanwhile, damage to the Washington Street and Dunbar Avenue piers also was substantial, and rendered those facilities unusable. Neither of those piers is owned or maintained by the city.

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## Two Bay officers assaulted

BY RICHARD MEEK

Two Bay St. Louis police officers were assaulted in a span of several hours Tuesday night and early Wednesday morning, according to Bay Police Chief Frank McNeil.

At approximately 10:06 p.m. on Tuesday, officer Greg Singletary was struck in the eye by a suspect that remains at large, McNeil said. He added Singletary was taken to Hancock Medical Center, where he was treated and released.

McNeil said Singletary had responded to a malicious mischief call in the 200 block of Booker Street when the officer was surprised by two suspects. One of the suspects struck Singletary with an unknown object and fled. The second suspect, Carlos Singleton, 20, also fled, but was caught and charged with disorderly conduct, public

drunk and resisting arrest.

Shortly after 2 a.m. on Wednesday, Officer Matthew Carver pulled over an automobile driven by Adrian Saucier, 22, for a routine traffic stop at the corner of Longfellow Drive and Highway 90, McNeil said. He said Saucier was acting suspicious, and when Carver patted the suspect down on a routine search, discovered several bulges.

McNeil said Saucier then struck Carver and fled. He was arrested on Washington Street, and charged with disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, contempt of court on a previous arrest, and assault of a police officer. He is being held on \$6,500 bond at the Hancock County Criminal Justice Facility.

Carver suffered lacerations to the inside of his mouth, but was not seriously injured.

McNeil said police are still searching for a suspect that robbed the Pump-n-Save gas station on Highway 90 Sunday afternoon. He said the suspect walked in the station shortly after 5 p.m. on Sunday wearing green pants and a hooded sweatshirt. He brandished a dark colored revolver, and demanded money.

He escaped across Highway 90, and remains at large.

In another incident, McNeil said police are also investigating the recovery of a stolen car at 617 Keller St. The car was discovered Tuesday evening. It was stolen out of Kenner, La., McNeil said. He said there are no suspects in that case.

Anyone with information on these cases should call the Bay police department at 467-9221.

## Boudin may stay at CD post

BY ED LEPOMA

Supervisors might have convinced Hancock County Civil Defense Director Bobby Boudin to stay at his post, at least through the upcoming hurricane season.

Boudin had announced his intention to retire effective March 31, and submitted a letter asking supervisors to accept his resignation during Tues-

day's recess meeting.

After moving to accept Boudin's resignation "with regrets," Board of Supervisors President Philip Moran said, "I sure wish you would stay with us through the hurricane season."

Boudin, who is only 59, said he would have to talk over the situation with his wife, but he would let supervisors know his decision at their March 3 meeting.

Supervisors said they needed a decision as soon as possible so they could begin advertising for the position and possibly have a successor in place before April 6, the date of the annual National Hurricane Conference.

This year the four-day meeting will take place in Norfolk, Virginia. So far, Supervisors Lisa Coward and Rocky Pullman are planning to attend, along with Fire Marshal Richard Pate, Boudin's assistant, Lynette Corban, and Road Manager Dewey Bobbinger.

Boudin, who started out working for the county as a volunteer in the spring of 1961, went full-time on April 1, 1977, when he was appointed to the Civil Defense post.

In another personnel move, supervisors voted unanimously to reinstate Willie Gavney to his position as the county's full-time building inspector and zoning enforcement officer.

Gavney requested and was granted administrative leave without pay last September when he was indicted on a rape charge, and last week he was acquitted of the charge by a Circuit Court jury.

In Gavney's absence, Neil Smith was acting as interim director. Supervisors called Smith in to tell him he would become Gavney's part-time assistant, putting in 30 hours a week.

Smith said that would be fine with him. "I think we can work together just fine," said Smith.

## Two men arrested in bust

BY RICHARD MEEK

Two Pearlington men were arrested on drug charges in Pearlington early Wednesday morning.

Shane Corr, director of the Hancock County Narcotics Task Force, said Arthur Joseph Smith, 20, and Billy Ray Raine, 18, were arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute. Corr said both were in possession of one-half ounce of crack cocaine.

He said police received a call at 4:02 a.m. Wednesday about two cars sitting in a driveway at the corner of 7th Avenue and 3rd Street in Pearlington. Corr said Deputy Mike Delacruz of the Hancock County Sheriff's Office approached the cars, when one fled. Delacruz looked into the window of the car that remained behind, and saw Smith and Raine both asleep, and marijuana on the front seat.

He called for backup, and a search led to the arrests, Corr said. Both are being held on \$20,000 bond each in the county jail.

Assisting in the arrests were Sgt. Jimmy Esposito and Deputy John Bourgeois. Investigator Mike Byrd is in charge of the investigation.

## Nine arrested in marine bust

Nine persons have been arrested for various charges of marine theft on the Gulf Coast by marine law enforcement officers with the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks.

"Marine crimes are a big business in the southern part of the United States," Maj. Jimmy Ladd said. "But on Feb. 13, we took a big bite out of the criminal business element all along the Gulf Coast."

Officers recovered some \$260,000 of stolen fishing equipment from personal watercraft to fishing boats and motorcycles.

## Hope

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community caring. The International Festival will involve student and adult entertainers from the Gulf Coast area performing a variety of singing, dancing, storytelling and magic acts.

There will be a day filled with performances which will last from 10 to 15 minutes. A local VIP will be the master of ceremonies of ceremony, rotating every 30 minutes, Lyn Stabler, spokesman said.

The schedule of events are now being compiled and will be published prior to the festival.

The festival also offers and opportunity for non-profit organizations and groups to display, written materials and have representatives answer questions about their organizations in the depot.

There is no cost for the non-profits, however, space is limited, contact Lyn Stabler, 147 St. Charles, St. Bay St. Louis, MS 39520, 467-0358.

An area will be available outside the depot where merchants and community groups may sell food, crafts or merchandise. The cost for each booth is \$35, and

you must be self-contained (i.e. individual lighting and electricity will not be available.) To register contact Jan Pizzolatto, 241 Bismark St., Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

Heitzmann said, "There will be a candlelight ceremony, and participants are asked to bring a candle, lawn chair, smile, and most important, a friend."

Much support for the International Festival is being provided by Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre, secretary Barbara Redding and building official secretary Laura Griffith.

The mission statement is, "The combined Voices of Hope will build a stable foundation for geographic literacy resulting in global communication and co-existence."

The goals are, "To develop leaders from all generations to ensure the successful growth and preservation of cultural diversity, and to bring together written, visual and vocal arts and crafts and artists to promote the understanding and acceptance of worldwide diversity."

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## "CUEVAS" QUOTES

By Ellis C. Cuevas

We have received numerous telephone calls seeking the correct time for both the Krewe of Nereids and Krewe of Real People parades on Mardi Gras Day. The latest we have is that the Krewe of Nereids is now scheduled for 11 a.m. Tuesday. The parade was originally scheduled last Sunday and had to be postponed because of the severe weather.

The Krewe of Real People parade originally was set at 1 p.m., but the time may be changed. We should have the confirmed time in Sunday's edition.

Saturday's parade at Diamondhead is set for noon and begins at the Walking Track on Golf Club Drive. The parade proceeds down the county road to the business district and will end up at the Diamondhead Yacht Club for a parade party.

It seems the Diamondhead parade gets bigger and better each year.

There are some real nice shoulders of the road to view the parade, which has floats, bands, walking group, etc. I hope to see you at the parade Saturday.

Sunday is the big parade for Pass Christian, as St. Paul's Carnival Association parade rolls at 2 p.m. Billed as a family parade, the St. Paul-sponsored Mardi Gras parade has a very large number of floats. Many of the floats are for family members and small groups and organizations.

Sunday's parade should live up to its reputation of being the Coast's largest.

The weather on Sunday was a sure "shocker" for many of us. The seven-foot tides were not forecast and came in as a big surprise.

The strong winds and extra high tides caused thousands and thousands of dollars in damages to our county.

Many residents had to have their vehicles towed to shops because of water damages. Beachfront piers suffered a heavy toll.

Oyster and shrimp fishermen took a heavy blow, as several boats were sunk, while others ended up on high ground.

Civil Defense Director Bobby Boudin spent most of Sunday night at the CD headquarters, as many residents were calling for information.

Sheriff Ronnie Peterson told me Monday his office received more telephone calls on Sunday than they normally do during a hurricane.

Weather forecasters have come a long way in making forecasts. They do the best they can, yet, at times things happen which they cannot predict.

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—Ellis C. Cuevas, publisher

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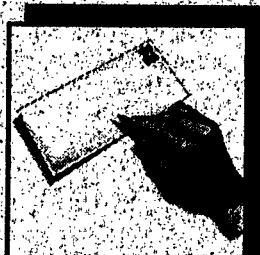
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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Mobile home family willing to do almost anything to reduce objections to their home

To the Editor:

My wife and I own a mobile home at 366 Chapman Road, a block from Washington Street. When we bought our lot a couple of years ago we were told that it was okay to put a mobile home on them. After we sold our house in New Orleans we found out that the zoning had been changed and mobile homes weren't usually allowed there.

We did get a special exception from the Planning Commission to put in a mobile home, because mobile homes were already on three sides of our lot.

After we got the necessary county approvals we bought a very attractive new mobile home, had a well drilled, and had all the utilities connected. Now we're being threatened with eviction if the Planning Commission changes its mind about allowing our mobile home to stay where it is.

We didn't mean to cause our neighbors any trouble or bother them in any way. All we wanted was to get out of the city and move to a nice, quiet, safe place in the country next to our relatives. Is that too much to ask?

We're willing to do most anything to reduce their objections to our home. We'd gladly put up an attractive wood fence and landscape around the perimeter of not just our lot but also around our relatives' lot and existing mobile homes if that would help. If anybody has any other suggestions, please let us know.

Our children are very happy with their new friends, their new schools and our new home. Please don't take all this away from us!

Sincerely,  
 Milton Jack Perez  
 and Christine Perez  
 Bay St. Louis

### State Diabetes Association ends national affiliation

Dear Editor:

The Board of Directors of the American Diabetes Association, Mississippi Affiliate unanimously voted this past week to change our name to the Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi, Inc. and to end our affiliation with the national American Diabetes Association.

This business decision is in response to an edict by the American Diabetes Association (ADA) requiring consolidation of the states' affiliates into one national entity. This means that as the Mississippi Affiliate of the ADA, we would have to relinquish control over our assets, fund raising and allocations.

But more important, there were no guarantees from national headquarters that the current support and educational programs which serve thousands of Mississippians would remain — or even be improved.

Our mission to serve the needs of Mississippians with diabetes was jeopardized. As the consolidation would divert already limited funds for possible use in other states, after lengthy consideration the state board of directors unanimously voted to form a foundation independent of the national organization and to become known as the Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi, Inc.

This decision was made with the interest of the 240,000 Mississippians living with diabetes at heart. By ending our affiliation with the ADA, we have become a local organization. Rhode Island also ended its affiliation with the ADA and became a local organization. We are assured we'll have private legal counsel. The Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

have served Mississippi's diabetes community since 1965, and we affiliated with ADA for 19 years. Returning to our original independent status will guarantee that we can continue providing:

- Comprehensive screening programs
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- Research funding
- Diabetes awareness programs

We also look forward to developing new initiatives to further improve the quality of life for people with diabetes. Mississippians will reap the benefits of this dedicated, focused foundation.

Yours sincerely,  
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## FROM THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE

By Representative J.P. Compretta

### House deals with wide range of issues

Members of the Mississippi House of Representatives dealt with a wide range of issues during the week ending Feb. 13 — the deadline for original floor action on bills and constitutional amendments that originated in the House was Thursday, Feb. 12.

Midway in the week, the House voted overwhelmingly to restructure the Magnolia Venture Capital Corporation, which was set up in 1994 to lure new business investment to the state.

Members voted to restructure the organization and set up a mechanism to attempt to recover some funds lost by Magnolia Venture since its founding four years ago.

Under the plan, a smaller governing board would be formed and oversight of the corporation would be tightened. The strategy is designed to pull Magnolia Venture out of bankruptcy, and allow it to continue under the original purpose for which it was formed — bringing new business to Mississippi.

The House also voted for a plan that would help solve Mississippi's critical public school teacher shortage. House Bill 609 would grant full tuition for students planning to enter the teaching field after college.

It also would provide for moving expenses and help with purchasing homes. Overall, the House bill would put some \$3.8 million into incentives for teachers and prospective teachers.

The state's teacher shortage is especially critical in the Mississippi Delta region, and one superintendent in that area was quoted as saying the problem worsens each year.

Establishing a statewide system for trauma care has developed as a priority for many lawmakers this year. The House last week voted to revise the system, but funding mechanisms are still to be decided.

Many legislators want to set up a system where each region of the state has designated

"trauma centers" that would receive trauma patients following emergencies.

Other highlights of the week included:

- The teaching of character in Mississippi classrooms would be authorized under a bill passed in the House.
- Mississippi's drug law would be toughened under a bill passing the House that outlines the punishment for drug dealers based on the amount of drugs they are pushing.
- The bill is in response to a request from prosecutors around the state, who want harsher penalties.
- The House also passed a bill that allows school officials to check to see if teaching applicants have a criminal background.
- Under yet another crime-related measure passed during the week, the House passed a bill to help speed up the abolition of the state's parole system. The bill would end parole in 1999, not in the year 2000 as originally planned.
- The House passed a bill that would allow law enforcement officers to carry weapons into any courthouse in the state.
- The House approved a measure that would add 1,200 new nursing home beds around Mississippi. The bill would require the State Department of Health to specify where 60 beds a year in each of four health districts could be placed. Placement of the beds would be based on a needs assessment by the State Health Department.
- In yet another crime-related bill, the House voted to make it a felony if someone steals another's cellular phone number and uses it to make calls.
- Penalties for such offenses could range from a five-year prison sentence for the first offense and a 10-year sentence for a second offense.
- As the Thursday deadline approached, House members found themselves faced with the question of how to deal with Mississippi's \$170 million settlement with the national tobacco industry.
- After much debate, the House voted to put the original \$170 million in a trust fund and to utilize the interest generated by the settlement — minus six percent — for healthcare needs.

A list of bills introduced in the House can be found at the City-County Library on Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis.

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Campton said the mini-hurricane swept water over the pier and into the electrical boxes installed to serve indi-

vidual slips. It also swept the entire fishing pier into the harbor basin, and undermined pilings on two

pier where larger boats are moored, he said.

"The most important item of major work is to repair damage to the electrical system on Pier 3," said Campton. "The electrical conduit is exposed and broken at several locations on this pier, and many of the outlet boxes are dislodged and are hanging precariously." Campton said signs have been posted warning boaters of the potential electrical hazard.

Campton said replacement of the electrical boxes and wiring on this pier was already planned this year as a Tidelands Grant project.

"I propose we simply accelerate this project to mitigate the potential electrical hazards as soon as possible," he said.

The Board declared the repairs an emergency, and plans to put the project out to bid at its March 3 meeting. Estimates by Campton are those repairs should cost around \$26,500.

Campton said the next most important repairs project should be the replacement of the missing or broken tie-up pilings at piers C1 and C2. He estimated these repairs would run around \$22,000.

Campton said rebuilding the fishing pier is by far the most expensive undertaking. Estimates are costs could run as high as \$50,000. The total estimated cost for all needed repairs at the harbor is \$132,000,

and with engineering and other construction contingencies, the total estimated cost of all repairs was put around \$159,480.

He said replacing all the flooded electrical receptacles at the harbor is probably not warranted at this time, but suggested the harbor master, J.J. Lassagne, carefully monitor the situation.

"If individual outlets short out and fail as time goes on, these can be replaced on an individual basis," said Campton. "If failures on a particular pier become endemic, then a contract can be let to replace them at a later time."

McDonald told the Echo that he has been instructed to give some kind of total damage estimate to public and private property to Harrison County's Civil Defense Director.

He said he didn't think Pass Christian sustained enough damage to qualify for federal or state assistance, but the county, as a whole, might qualify.

McDonald said he has also been in touch with the Department of Marine Resources to see if there are any funding possibilities to help with repairs at the harbor. He said the city has \$300,000 in Tidelands monies, but he wanted to earmark this as a start on replacing the harbor's east wall.

The mayor had high praise for his public works department

employees, whom he said were out on the streets from 7 p.m. until midnight Sunday, then moved quickly to begin cleaning the debris out of the harbor.

McDonald said the heavy rains caused street flooding in several areas north of the railroad tracks. Streets sealed off included Henderson, Woodman Road, Lemoyne, Prentiss, McClung, Davis, Fleitas and Seal.

"There was a washout on Courtney Avenue near North Street and another road collapse on Shadowlawn," said McDonald. He said water came into some houses in the Timber Ridge subdivision and in Pass Christian Isles.

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## Piers

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Bobby Boudin gave a preliminary report to supervisors Tuesday, and said the extent of the damage is being compiled to determine whether Hancock County can qualify for any kind of federal or state assistance. He later called the Echo to say the county did not qualify for any disaster monies.

Boudin said preliminary estimates are that seven commercial shrimping boats were heavily damaged, 38 homes and seven mobile homes had some kind of minor damages, and 39 vehicles went underwater in various areas.

Charlie Henderson of Henderson Ford reported on Wednesday that he had some 25 vehicles in his shop for water damage.

John Calvert, service manager for DeRussy Motors, reported the dealerships already had 19 vehicles in the shop and "more on the way."

Dealerships report that vehicles that went underwater had to have the carpet removed, and dried out. Additionally, transmissions had to be serviced, and the oil changed.

"My phone's been ringing off the hook," said Boudin. "I've had to bring in another assistant to take the calls."

He said most are calling for immediate help. "They're saying their baby's bed is wet and want to know if we can help," said Boudin.

An American Red Cross spokesperson in Gulfport said the office has had about four requests for immediate assistance. She said the calls were from people in rental houses who got flooded out, and the Red Cross has given them a month's rent to move into another rental unit.

Every public fishing pier is out in Hancock County, including the much-used, large Coleman Avenue Pier. That pier buckled near the entrance, and was closed to fishing late yesterday afternoon, but Waveland alderman Tommy Longo said it will open from dawn until dusk beginning this morning.

"Considering the damage to other public piers, I feel like pounding my chest," said

Longo. He said the pier was constructed with safety features that enable it to rise and fall with the crushing waves.

Longo said the electrical system was damaged at the pier, but he expected repairs to be completed by today, and then the popular fishing spot could remain open 24 hours daily.

Public fishing piers at Washington Avenue, Ulman Avenue and Dunbar were so heavily damaged that officials would not even estimate when they might be reopened.

Lightning and high winds might have been the cause of at least three house fires in Jordan River Estates, according to Fire Marshal Richard Pate, but an investigation continues. High waters hampered firefighters trying to get to each blaze, he said.

The first fire broke out at 1 p.m., and consumed a large, raised residence at 23070 Valine-Ladner Road. A second fire broke out at 3:05 a.m. and destroyed a home at 100 Helena Street, and a third at 5:46 a.m. at 112224 Jordan River Drive caused extensive damage. No one was injured in any of the fires, Pate said.

He added that an East Hancock County District fire truck also took on water when a crew attempted to rescue a woman on Lavin Drive in Shoreline Park, who called for assistance after experiencing chest pains. The truck was later towed out of the high water, Pate said.

Planks from piers and other debris washed ashore all along the beachfront, from Bayou Caddy to Cedar Point, and city and county crews are working side-by-side with private citizens to clean up the area. It appears that a lot of sand was blown ashore, but no one could estimate the extent of loss.

Deputy Port and Harbor Director Bill Stovall said high winds on Tuesday delayed three tug boats called from Chef Rigolets (in Louisiana) from getting to the scene at Port Bienville.

The tugs were on the scene Wednesday, attempting to clear the shipping channel, he said.

## School

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point, and represented the P&H at a meeting between the supervisors, and school board members recently when the compromise was first proposed. However, P&H Executive Director Hal Walters and attorney Robert Genin insist Artigues was not representing the Commission at that meeting.

Artigues has not responded to their statements.

"No question, (the settlement) is a relief on my part and on the part of the Commission," Walters said. "We've been working toward this for a couple of months."

"It's not exactly what any of us wanted," he added. "The new school site will be somewhat of a constraint but it's a compromise we can live with."

Bennett said negotiations are underway with the owners of the new site. Those owners are members of the White family, and include corporations.

"Hopefully, we will have negotiations wrapped up in the next couple of weeks," she said.

If a value of the property cannot be reached between the parties, then the district would be forced to attempt to seize the land through eminent domain, which would delay construction even further. Originally, the school district had hoped to advertise for bids for both a new middle school and elementary school, scheduled to be built in Kilm, in February.

Neither has been advertised, although property negotiations for the Kilm site are bearing their final stages, Bennett said.

She added that no construction has been started on the school, originally scheduled to open in the fall.

The school district also is considering also in doing a partial year. But the school board is still in the process of making a decision on whether to move forward with the new school site.

has recently been advertising for a new board attorney.

Benvenuti was renewed for 90 days in January. That term will expire at the end of March. "We are looking at legal costs that have escalated," Bennett said. "Granted, we have had a lot of legal issues to contend with."

"We want to see what other expertise may be brought to the district."

Benvenuti was not available for comment.

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"Woman to Woman"

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Tickets: \$55/floor, \$30/balcony

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April 13, 8 p.m.

Tickets TBA

Tom Jones

May 28-29, 7:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$30/floor, \$25/balcony

Bill Cosby

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the area.

"I left Blood, Sweat and Tears to do my own album," he said. "I started fishing and ended up staying here. I love this area."

Fisher and his wife Melva bought the Dock of the Bay, a restaurant and nightclub in Bay St. Louis in 1981. In addition to being a full-time restaurateur, he performs shows throughout the South several times during the year.

In addition to Jerry Fisher, the band is comprised of guitarist Johnny Hozey, drummer Harrel Bosarge, keyboardist Derrill Brown, bassist Eric

Seating is limited and on a first-come, first-serve basis for both shows. Must be 21 to attend. Admission is free. Contact the Players Club for details.

"Woman to Woman" blues contest

A showdown for the Hottest Blues Singer will be held March 7, 10 p.m. at the Biloxi Grand Theatre. Shirley Brown, Denise LaSalle and Lynn White will compete for the title, and the audience will vote.

Grammy-nominated Shirley Brown sings about the ins and outs, the ups and the upsides of love in songs that range from cutting-edge contemporary to solid soul. Her vocals have created more than a dozen Billboard R&B hits, including the number one hit "Woman to Woman." A natural storyteller, Brown co-wrote six songs and co-produced her album, "The Soul of a Woman."

Denise LaSalle is one of the most sought after female entertainers in the \$&B circuit today. LaSalle has recorded over 14 albums during her musical career. Among her achievements is a gold record, "Trapped By A Thing Called Love," which was number one on the Rhythm and Blues soul chart for 16 weeks in 1971.

The entertainer is also an accomplished writer. Her songs have been recorded by country greats Barbara Mandrell and Rita Coolidge, and she has also written for the late Z. Z. Hill, Anne Peebles and others.

Lynne White has performed on stage with B.B. King, Johnny

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# SPORTS

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## Tigers' three-point shot rocks SSC 67-49

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II  
The Division 7 Class 4A basketball tournament at St. Stanislaus provided fans with some great games on Monday and Tuesday. But the highlight of the opening round came on Tuesday night when outstanding outside shooting lifted Bay High to a 67-49 victory over the host Rocks.

The game marked the fourth meeting of the two schools this season, with SSC holding a 2-1 advantage. The Tigers bombed the Rocks out of the gym with 12 three-pointers en route to the win that propelled the Tigers to a second round game with top-seeded Picayune. That matchup is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. today. The two teams have split in two games this year.

Bay High missed only three shots beyond the three-point arc against Stanislaus and at one point in the fourth period nailed six threes in a row.

Herman Dunklin sank a three with 4:21 left in the first period to start the blitzkrieg and break open a 4-4 tie for the Tigers.

Bay High, 18-10, went on to open a 17-5 lead in the first period with Dunklin collecting 11 points.

Marc Price opened the Tiger lead to 25-9 with a three-pointer and a foul shot with 6:01 left in the first half. SSC went on a 9-1 run behind the scoring of Paul Farve to end the half at 26-18. Farve collected five points during the run.

SSC, 16-14, outscored the Tigers 21-13 in the third period and took a 39-38 heading into the final stanza. SSC went on an 8-1 run to open the third period before Dunklin silenced the crowd of just over 400 with his fourth three-pointer of the game at the 3:51 mark. It was Bay High's first basket of the period.

Junior Davis opened the fourth period with a 15-foot jumper to extend the Rock lead 41-38. Jason Robinson went right back down to the other end and nailed a three-pointer for Bay High to tie the score at 41.

The Tigers began to take shots from the outside, nailing six in a row and not missing a shot until the 3:22 mark of the

fourth period. Robinson led the charge with three three-pointers and Price added two long distance shots for the Tigers during the run.

The Tigers opened the final period with a 20-2 run, including two foul shots from a technical foul called on the SSC bench. Grady Willis ended the Tiger blitz with two trips to the charity stripe, sinking three of four foul shots to bring the score to 58-44 at the 3:09 mark. By then, it was too late.

The Tigers cruised the rest of the way and relied on their defense to stall any Rock comeback.

Bay High head coach Doug Bazzell commented, "This was a very big win for us. I told the boys that you play all season for the district tournament. We knew that we had to put the ball in the goal to beat Stanislaus. We worked about two weeks on our three-point shot offense and I gave the green light to them to shoot it. They shot the ball extremely well tonight."

"I knew that Stanislaus had a good alignment against us in the past so we decided to throw a new wrinkle at them with our defensive alignment. We were not going to lose to them by backdoor layups as was the case in the past. Our defensive looks had an effect on them. (Dunklin) had a huge game for us and really shot the ball. Tank Williams played a very tough game on the boards. (Robinson) quarterbacked the club well tonight."

"We are going to work on some new things for Picayune in the second round," he added. "We have to worry about their big man in the middle and their strong point guard."

Cosch Jay Ladner of SSC stated, "We did not do a good job early on in the game. Give all the credit to Bay High. They played extremely hard tonight and shot the lights out. (Bazzell) had his boys ready to play."

"We have had a very good year. It was much better than most would have thought. You have to consider what we have lost over the past two years. We lost size in Matt Kopler, Terry Lawyer, Correy Gex, and Mike Fenasci. We lost nine seniors

and their leadership. This year we have just two seniors and have played with a lot of adversity, sickness, and injury. I'm very proud of this team and their accomplishment of finishing in second place during the regular season. The future looks bright, and we hope that we can keep building on what the former players have established here."

Dunklin led all scorers with 24 points and six three-pointers. Also in double figures for the Tigers were Price with 18 points and Robinson with 14. Both Robinson and Price each nailed three three-pointers.

Davis led SSC with 19 points and four three-pointers, followed by Farve with 14 points.

In earlier action on Tuesday, the Columbia girls defeated the Petal girls 51-43. Felicia Moses led Columbia with 17 points followed by Shaneka Franklin and Jill Haney each with nine points.

Laura Walters led Petal with 14 points while Amber Zugg chipped in 13 points in the loss.

The second game of the night pitted the Lady Warriors of Oak Grove against the Lady Maroon Tide of Picayune. Oak Grove won the game 69-52.

Sarah Posey led all scorers and Oak Grove with 20 points while Michelle Creely added 19 points. Lauren Dicker added 10 points for Oak Grove. Nekia Palmer, Amanda Adams, and Cathy Little all collected 15 points for Picayune.

In the third game, the Oak Grove Warriors held off a late Columbia Wildcat rally to advance to the second round with a 63-62 win. The Wildcats hit a three-pointer at the buzzer to fall one point short of the win.

Larry Morrow and Cliff Collins led Oak Grove with 12 points each while MJ Mayfield added 10 points.

Donovan Dillon led all scorers with 20 points for Columbia.

In Monday's action, top-seeded Picayune downed the Blue Devils of Pearl River Central 81-53. Ricky Bennett of Picayune led all scorers with 18 points, followed by Jonathan

Bender with 17 points and Chris Brown added 11 points.

The 11th ranked Lady Hawks, 23-5, of Hancock easily defeated the Lady Blue Devils of Pearl River Central 66-50.

Hancock led all scorers with 23 points while the Lady Hawks added 11 points. The Hawks were led by Melaine Bonham and Jennifer Mitchell each with 10 points.

In final action on Monday, the Lady Hawks of Hancock defeated the Petal Panthers 56-74.

Chris Marshall led the Petal players in double figures with 29 points including seven three-pointers. Mario Kennedy added 15 points while Ryan Thompson added 14 points. Charlie Williams nailed 18 points and Shane Hogan rounded out the double figure scorers for Petal with 11 points.

Jeremy Garriga paced the Hawks with 24 points while Archie Pouncey added 18 points. Donnie Carver chipped in 12 points in the loss while Charma Martin rounded out Hancock's double figure scorers with 11 points.

The division tournament continues today at SSC. Bay High's Lady Tigers, 27-5, open tournament play at 4 p.m. against Columbia. Hancock's Lady Hawks play Oak Grove at 7 p.m.

Bay High and Hancock are favored to advance to Friday's championship game. The teams have already played four times this season, with the Lady Tigers winning three.

In boys play on Thursday, Bay High faces Picayune at 5:30 p.m., and Petal squares off against neighborhood rival Oak Grove at 8:30 p.m.

The girls and boys championship games will be played on Friday at 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m., respectively.

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## St. Stanislaus hosts baseball tournament

St. Stanislaus will host St. John and Mercy Cross at the St. Stanislaus diamond in a Catholic School Baseball Tournament Saturday, Feb. 21.

According to Coach Stace McRaney, the tournament will

begin at 11 a.m. with St. John vs St. Stanislaus.

The second game will be Mercy Cross vs St. John at 2 p.m. The final game will be Mercy Cross vs St. Stanislaus at 5 p.m.

## Saints look at Plan B

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—The search for a replacement for Winfred Tubbs began with the awareness it might take two players to fill the void.

Tubbs, a free-agent middle linebacker and the Saints' leading tackler the past two seasons, agreed to a five-year contract Saturday with the San Francisco 49ers worth \$14.25 million.

Losing Tubbs leaves Brian Jones and Inik Aleaga as middle linebacker candidates on the Saints' 55-man roster. Jones, a four-year veteran, missed the 1997 season because of a torn anterior cruciate ligament. Aleaga was a rookie free agent.

Tubbs played in run and pass situations, and there is no free-agent middle linebacker available capable of doing that. That means the Saints might have to acquire one.

## Pass wins

Pass Christian's Lady Pirates will play Vancleave in the Division 8,3A semifinals on Thursday after whipping Forrest County AHA 44-53 on Tuesday in Vancleave.

The Lady Pirates, 15-16, had lost three previous meetings to the Lady Aggies, but a 10-point rally in the second quarter would break that streak.

Leslie Smith led Pass Christian with 14 points, seven rebounds, eight assists and six steals. Colstrum Clark added 11 points.

player for early downs and short-yardage situations and another for passing situations.

"I don't want to tip my hand but we've been on the phone with Mike this morning talking with (Saints vice president of football operations) Chet (Franklin) and (salary cap consultant) Terry (O'Neil)," Saints general manager Bill Kuharich said. "We've got a pretty good target of what we might do."

Kuharich would not elaborate. But a prime target appears to be Arizona Cardinals linebacker Eric Hill, one of the league's premier run defenders, who visited the team Friday.

Hill, who played at LSU, is the top unrestricted free agent remaining at middle linebacker now that Tubbs is gone and Denver's Allen Alldridge signed with Detroit on Saturday.

"I talked to (the Saints) today," said Jordan Feagan, Hill's agent. "They're staying very close in touch. (Losing Tubbs) makes it real interesting. They had a real good visit (Friday). They were still concerned with trying to re-sign Tubbs at the time. Eric told them all he was interested in was winning games."

Hill, 29, a nine-year veteran, is coming off a four-year, \$11 million contract. The Saints believe to Tubbs was a four-year, \$10.5 million contract.

## Babe Ruth registration

Registration for the Bay St. Louis Babe Ruth Bambino Baseball League will be Friday, Feb. 27, 6-8 p.m. and Saturday, Feb. 28, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the baseball field in Bay St. Louis.

Registration fees are:  
Age Group: Cost per child  
5-6 \$25  
7-8 \$30  
9-10 \$35  
11-12 \$35  
13-15 \$45  
16-18 \$55

There will be a \$10 discount for anyone having more than one child in any of the leagues. You will have to pay full price for the oldest child.

## Kerr, SLU winners in Magic tourney

Rob Kerr of Minnesota battled blustery conditions and carved out an even par 72 to win the individual title in the second Annual Bridges All-American tournament at the Bridges at Casino Magic.

Kerr's two-hole putt under par finished him better than defending champion Ted Dickinson of the University of Alabama. Birmingham's Grant Wilson, Louisiana University's Daley and University of

Southern team titles were also won by Kerr, Dickinson and Wilson. The total score of 587.

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## Labor rules, regulations workshop set at chamber

The University of Southern Mississippi Small Business Development Center is offering a workshop, "Department of Labor Rules & Regulations," Tuesday, March 10, 8-10 a.m. at the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce, Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis.

The workshop will offer a brief overview of the laws enforced by the U.S. Department of Labor. Jack Cavanaugh of the Department of Labor will be the instructor. A representative from Gulf Coast Business Services Corporation will briefly discuss the Job Training Protection Act.

Co-sponsors include Hancock

County Chamber of Commerce, Gulf Coast Business Technology Center, Greater Biloxi Economic Development Foundation, Gulf Coast Business Services Corporation, and the Mississippi Contract Procurement Center.

The workshop fee is \$15 and must be paid in advance due to limited seating. To pre-register, mail (before March 4) a check made payable to USM SBDC to USM Small Business Development Center, 136 Beach Park Place, Long Beach, MS 39560.

For information, contact the USM's Small Business Development Center at 228-865-4578.

## Credit union to hold meeting

James L. "Sandy" Rogers, president and CEO of the Gulfport VA Federal Credit Union, announced that the federally chartered credit union's annual membership meeting will be Tuesday, March 10, 5:30 p.m. in the Gulfport High School auditorium.

Annual reports from the \$30 million credit union's 1993 operating year will be provided, including reports from the chairman of the board, president and CEO, and supervisory committee. Drawings for cash door prizes and memberships for each member in attendance will also be available.

In making the announce-

ment, Rogers states that significant growth in all areas of member service will be reported at the meeting, and elections will be held for three positions on the seven-member board of directors that governs the credit union.

Noting that the foundation of the member-owned, non-profit financial cooperative is based on members electing their own representation in a system that is modeled after our own democratic form of government, Rogers urged the over 12,000 current members to make every effort to attend this important annual meeting.

## New tax laws may be less taxing

Recent changes in federal income tax laws could mean less of a tax bite when it comes time to pay 1998 income taxes—the ones due by Apr. 15, 1999.

The "Tax Relief Act of 1997" provides some significant tax benefits to middle-income taxpayers, according to Mississippi State University accounting professor Ed Milam, Ph.D. "There are some real benefits in the new tax laws, especially for families with children under age 17 or in college," he said. "These changes, however, also will complicate the tax return for many people."

The new tax breaks going into effect this year include:

- A \$400 tax credit for each child under age 17.
- An education credit for children in college.
- The ability to withdraw existing individual retirement account funds to pay college expenses without the early withdrawal penalty.

## Internet seminar

Datasync, the Coast's largest and oldest Internet service provider, in participation with local libraries, announces the availability of a series of free Internet seminars open to the public.

Datasync provides a series of seminars as follows:

101— Introduction to the Internet, meant for those who are not yet using the Internet.

102— Advanced Internet, how to use Internet tools, how to find things on the Internet, meant for those who are already on the Internet or for those just getting on the Internet.

103— Web page design.

104— Putting a business on the Internet.

105— Filtering and blocking of unwanted materials on the Internet for parents, teachers and employers.

All seminars start at 7 p.m.

Radio talk show host Art Allard, also known as "The Internet Man," is the instructor and presenter at the seminars.

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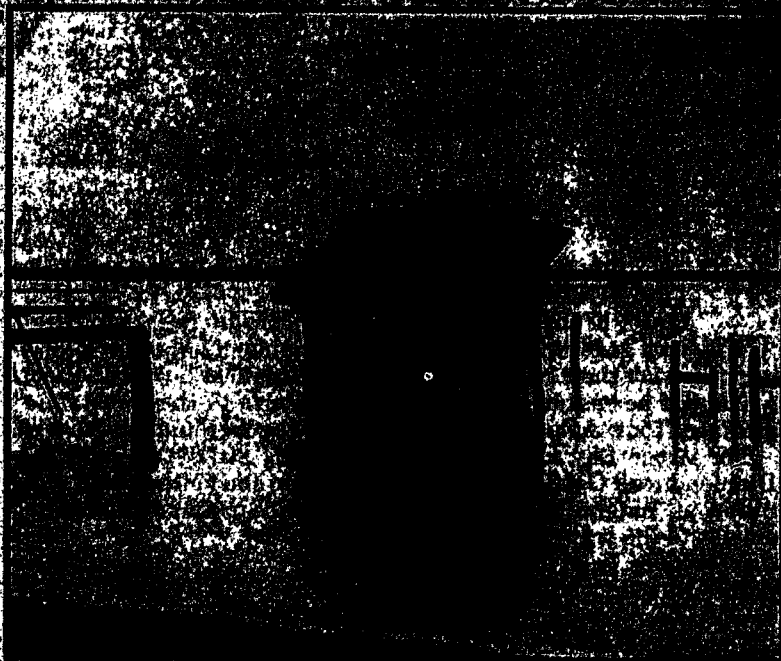


# Storms wreck havoc



## Topsy turvy

This Waveland Beach Boulevard pier was one of many suffering heavy damage from Sunday's strong winds and high tides. Pier materials were tossed across Beach Boulevard and on lawns.



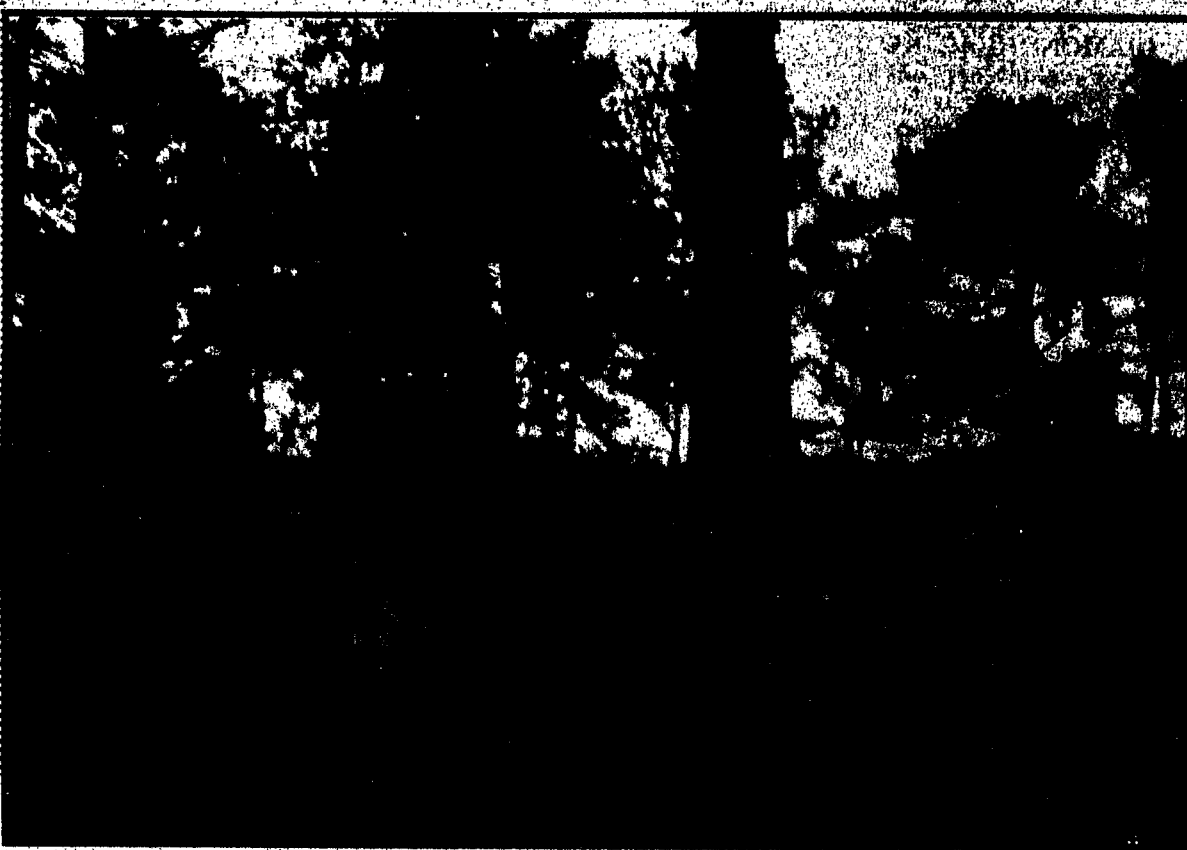
## Pier is nowhere

Many residents who awoke Monday morning to discover their piers destroyed by the high water and winds. This pier on North Beach Boulevard was typical of the damage to piers stretching from Bay St. Louis to Bayou Caddy.



## Bayou caretaker

One of the caretakers of the bayou Sunday night was up at the first light to protect



## Storm triggered fires

The fireplace is all that remains of this home in Jourdan River Estates, one of the homes that was destroyed during Sunday night's storms.



## Handicapped

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors is handicapped accessible. Wind and waves left spot for many Cedar Point residents.



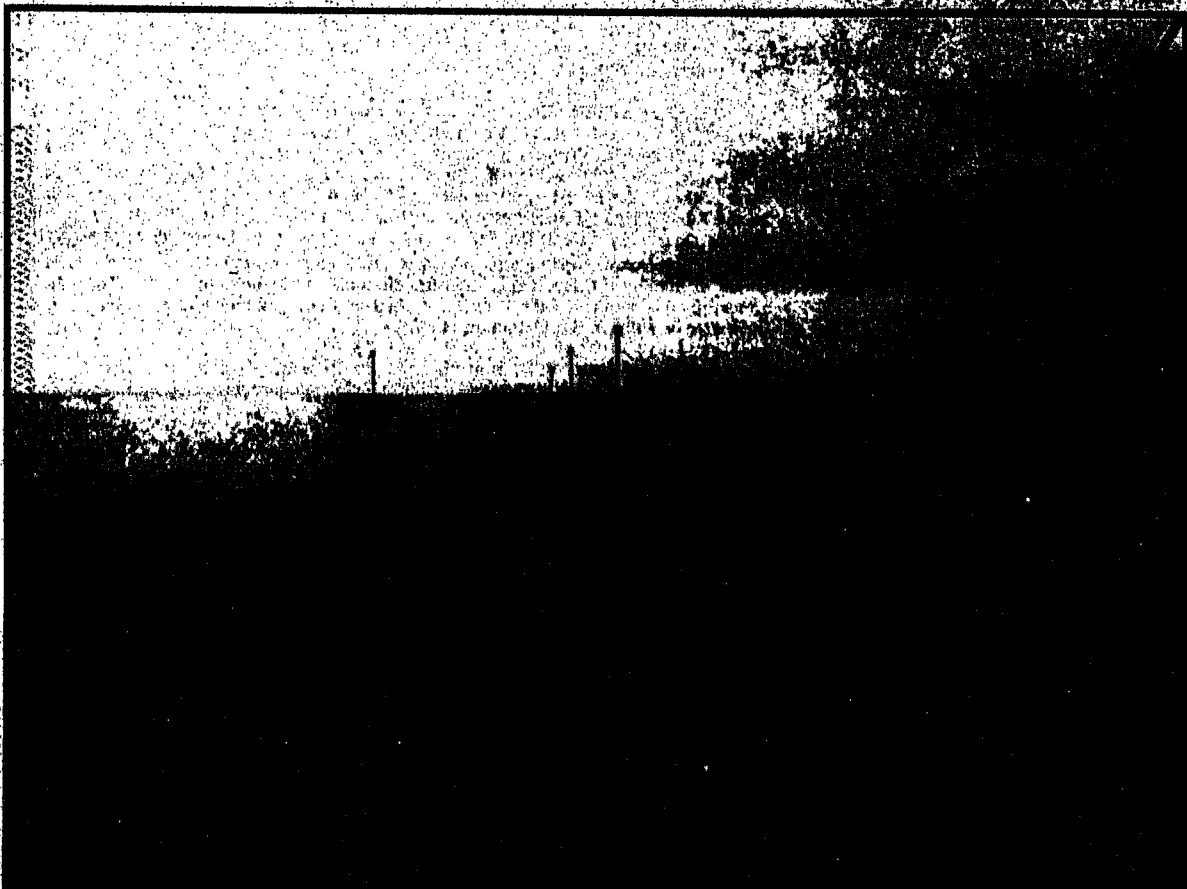
## Swept away

Robert Hadden was driving along Beach Boulevard when his car stalled. He and his passengers got out of the car, and shortly after, currents swept the car into a nearby ditch. Hadden, of Pensacola Beach, Fla., had bought the car a week earlier. He was visiting the area.



## Pierless

Winds and waves destroyed several piers in Bay St. Louis, Waveland, and Pass Christian.



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